

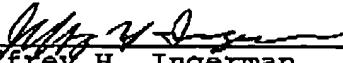
REMARKS

This application was allowed on March 1, 2005. The issue fee has not yet been paid. Applicant respectfully requests entry, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, of the foregoing amendment of the claims, which corrects the inadvertent omission, from the previous reply, of an amendment of claim 46. The proposed amendment, which conforms the language at lines 19-20 of claim 46 to that at line 17, which was amended in the previous reply, itself should have been made in the previous reply.

Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendment of the claims, establishing proper antecedent basis, "embod[ies] merely the correction of [a] formal matter[] in a claim without affecting the scope thereof." Accordingly, entry of this amendment would "require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the [Patent and Trademark] Office." (MPEP § 714.16.)

An early and favorable action, entering the foregoing amendment, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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